

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 64, 66, 68, 70, 72, 73, 77, 79, and 81 as shown in Appendix A. "Clean" versions of the amended Claims appear in Appendix B.

Remarks

Claims 64, 66, 68, 70, 72, 73, 77, 79, and 81 have been amended. These amendments are purely formal in nature, and are not intended to alter the scope of any of the Claims in any manner.

Claims 62-73 and 75-81 remain in the application.

Claims 63, 65, 67, 69, 71-73, 76, 78, and 80 have been held to be withdrawn from consideration.

If any extension of time is required, please consider this paper a petition for the total extension of time required.

The enclosed check for \$180 is for the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) for the enclosed new Information Disclosure Citation. In the event that this amount is incorrect, or that any additional fee may be due, kindly refer to the general Deposit Account Authorization previously filed with the application.

Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are respectfully requested.

Topic numbers in the headings below (e.g., "1-3" in the heading immediately below) correspond to those appearing in the February 11, 2003 Office Action. Topic numbers omitted below (e.g., 6) are believed not to require any response.

**1-3. The Non-Elected Process Claims Should be Rejoined
After the Product Claims Have Been Allowed**

Please note that the non-elected Claims are still pending in this application, and have not been cancelled.

Applicant respectfully submits that once the elected Claims to the rice plants have been allowed, the non-elected Claims directed to processes for making and using the rice plants should then be rejoined and examined in the same application. In particular, the